

Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert, of Thomaston, Conn., aged 74, daughter of the late Seth Thomas, the clockmaker, and the Rev. Dr. William Webster Belden, aged 78, were married last week. They were sweethearts in early youth but old St. Thomas did not like the engagement and broke it off. Then the young people lost sight of each other. Miss Thomas married and became a widow and Dr. Belden also married and lost his wife, and only recently the couple were thrown together again.

A man expects other men to show his wife courtesies abroad that he never thinks of showing her at home.

Just a Cough

Not worth paying attention to, you say. Perhaps you have had it for weeks. It's annoying because you have a constant desire to cough. It annoys you also because you remember that weak lungs is a family failing. At first it is a slight cough. At last it is a hemorrhage. At first it is easy to cure. At last, extremely difficult.

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Keep one of Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Plasters over your lungs if you cough.

Should we send you a book on this subject, free? Our Medical Department. If you have any complaint whatever and desire the best medical advice you can possibly obtain, write the doctor freely. You will receive a prompt reply, without cost. Address, Dr. J. C. Ayer, Lowell, Mass.

Dr. Kay's Renovator, Guaranteed to cure dyspepsia, constipation, liver and kidney diseases, biliousness, headache, etc. At druggists 25c & 50c.

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Dr. Kay's Lung Balm for coughs, colds, and throat disease.

ONLY A SPARK? It can destroy a city. Only a twinge? Who knows what years of RHEUMATISM may come? ST. JACOBS OIL KNOWS. IT PENETRATES, PUTS OUT, CURES, AND PREVENTS.

CATARRH CURED

AS IF BY MAGIC. EVERY MAN AND WOMAN SHOULD READ.

Lives of suffering and misery from this repulsive disease turned into health and happiness through the use of

Richard's Catarrh Expellant.

After years of special study and practice in diseases of the Mucous Membrane, and especially of catarrhal troubles, we have at last developed a treatment that will positively and permanently cure Catarrhal Diseases in whatever form they may be. After fully demonstrating the merits of this treatment in a private practice of over five years, and successfully treating and curing the most obstinate cases, we challenge the world for a cure of Catarrh, or Catarrhal Disease, or CATARRH EXPELLANT will not cure. Deafness, resulting from Catarrh, quickly cured. Loss of sense of smell and taste quickly restored. All repulsive symptoms peculiar to Catarrhal troubles, as foul breath, nasal discharges, hacking, coughing, and spitting, relieved at once. Catarrhal Affections of Stomach, Liver or Kidneys, causing Indigestion, Sick Stomach, Nausea, Weakness, Depression, Loss of Ambition and Energy, are quickly cured. Most of the weakness of men and women is caused by Catarrhal diseases. The poisonous discharges find their way to the stomach and into the blood, and distributed throughout the entire system, affecting the Vital and Life Forces and causing those Organic and Nervous Weaknesses so dreaded by every man and woman. These weaknesses are cured by CATARRH EXPELLANT and perfect health and strength fully restored. Over five hundred testimonials in praise of this treatment received since January 1, 1897. If you have Catarrh or any Catarrhal Disease,

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A school has been adjudged to be a nuisance by Mr. Justice Homer of the English chancery court. A schoolmaster took a house at Tunbridge Wells on the assurance that there was nothing to prevent its being used as a school. He afterward discovered in his lease a covenant that no trade or business should be carried on in the house which would cause any noise injurious or disturbing to the neighbors, and asked to be released. Justice Rorer directed the rescinding of the lease, as there was no doubt that an action against the school as a nuisance would succeed.

Don't turn over a new leaf too often or you will soon require an additional ledger.

May Bring Leprosy to This Country. Our soldiers in Hawaii may contract leprosy and bring it to this country. While leprosy is to be dreaded, there are a thousand times as many victims to stomach disorders, but there is a cure in Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Other ailments that the Bitters are a specific for are malaria, fever and ague. Sold at all drug stores.

The "Neues Wiener Tageblatt" says that the dungeon in which the assassin of the Empress Elizabeth is now confined is a widow's damp, stone chamber, and that Lucchini will probably pay for his crime by the loss of his eyesight and his reason. Only once a fortnight is he permitted to walk in the prison courtyard for half an hour. He does not even see the attendants who bring his daily rations at 6 o'clock every morning.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O! Ask your grocer today to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. One-fourth the price of coffee, 15c. and 25c. per package. Sold by all grocers.

When a man is resigned to his fate the resignation is usually accepted.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 50c. The genuine has L. B. & Co. on each tablet.

"Say something and raw no wood." seems to be the tramp's version of it.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has saved me large doctor bills.—C. L. Baker, 4233 Regent St., Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 5, '95.

A doll dressed by Mrs. McKinley sold for \$18 at a charity bazaar held in Cleveland the other day.

MISS WINDSOR'S SCOTTISH STUPID For children teething, colic, and other ailments, always cures wind colic, etc. 25c. a bottle.

Bicycles are now largely used in place of horses on cattle ranches.

Have used DR. SETH ARNOLD'S COUGH KILLER in my family for 21 years. Mrs. A. Buchanan, Minneapolis, Minn. 25c. a bottle.

Don't tender advice until you find out what particular kind is wanted.

Joe's Cough Balm. For the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

Don't trust your future happiness with a woman who never laughs.

Long Barren for sale. \$2 per acre cash, balance on credit paid. J. McNeill, Sioux City, Iowa.

In London the number of women exceeds that of men by about 250,000.

THE CHRISTMAS CHILD

W E have worked a long time to have nice exercises for Christmas and it will be all for nothing if you take Lozette away. She sings better than any of the children and we cannot do without her.

Miss Berton shook her head oppositely. She knew that old Manuth understood her words perfectly, though he would not reply in English.

"He says we come back one week before Christmas," interpreted the slender little Indian girl, looking from her father to her teacher with pleading eyes.

"One week plenty time, Miss Berton?" she asked anxiously as her teacher did not speak.

"I no like miss Christmas tree. I feel very bad miss Christmas singing. Maybe so come back two weeks before Christmas!" She took no thought of the length of time a week really was in her eagerness. She added the last sentence with sudden emphasis, looking up triumphantly into Miss Berton's calm face.

"Do you wish to go very much, Lozette?" asked Miss Berton.

The child hesitated and cast down her eyes, seeing disapproval in her teacher's quiet manner.

Manuth muttered something in their own language. Quickly raising her eyes to Miss Berton's Lozette said emphatically: "I want go very much."

Miss Berton did not reply for a moment, but stood looking steadily at the child, and then, as though consenting against her will, she said, rather sternly:

"Your father must promise me that you will be back a week before Christmas. You know what a promise means and you must make him remember."

Lozette promised solemnly, and Manuth grunted approvingly.

"He says how much days stay, Miss Berton?" again she interpreted.

Miss Berton counted them on her fingers.

"Seven days—one week. Three days more—ten days. Stay ten days, then come back, that will be six days before Christmas. Do you understand?"

"Ugh!" assented Manuth, holding up his ten fingers, waving his hand away in the direction he wished to go and then bringing his fist back to a sudden halt, indicating his going and his return.

When Miss Berton took Lozette up to the dormitory to wrap her warm in good, heavy clothes, she asked:

"Why do you care so much to go on this journey with your father?"

Lozette's eyes brightened as she answered with great pride:

"My father big man. Oooh! make pipe-dance and big feast. They ask my father dance. They give him ponies and blankets. I like see my father dance and be big man."

Miss Berton's face grew serious, but she only said: "I am sure my Christmas child will remember her promise."



WE CANNOT DO WITHOUT HER. You have never been absent on Christmas day and it would spoil all our pleasure if you were not here to lead the singing.

"Spoil Christmas Child, too; she come back sure, Miss Berton," Lozette said, her earnestness supplying the deficiency of words in conveying her meaning.

Lozette was born in the school building on Christmas morning ten years before. As her mother was employed off and on about the laundry all those years the child had never been taken away for any length of time, especially since she had grown old enough to be in school.

Miss Berton had called her "The Christmas Child" when she first saw her, a little brown pappoose, and Manuth had christened her Lozette when the small, round spot was tattooed in her forehead.

Miss Berton had taken up her life work in this mission school among the Indians, and whoever else came or went, she had remained, until silvery threads were beginning to appear in the smooth bands of her hair. She possessed the confidence of the old Indians and the love and obedience of their children, because, understanding them, she dealt with them honestly. When she first came among them she revolted at their heathen customs, and protested bitterly against their dances, feasts and superstitious practices. Long experience, however, had taught her that she might as well go out into the forest and attempt to tame the wild animals there, as to apply herself to the task of instilling into Indians already grown old a liking for white man's ways. She realized that the salvation of the race rested with the children, and for their education and Christianization she was untiring. A feeling of discouragement and pain crept over her occasionally when, as now, children whom she had taught from

infancy displayed the old savage instincts and longings.

Lozette could not have lived so close under Miss Berton's care for ten years, receiving the careful training in precepts of truth and kindness, and failed to have been a good girl. She loved her school and her teacher; she loved to be called Christmas Child and to think of the Christ Child; but she loved also, in a different way, her father, Manuth, and dear in her secret heart were these occasional journeys when she could, without restraint, enjoy the customs of her ancestors.

The bright, crisp December morning was lovely enough to satisfy the most appreciative worshiper of Nature when the motley procession filed out over the hill away from the village.

Lozette was perched upon a pony beside her father. Miss Berton, with a crowd of her pupils about her, stood upon the doorstep watching until the train was out of sight, then she called the little band in to work and lessons, and Lozette dropped out of their lives—except in thought.

The days passed uneventfully at the school, while Lozette mingled with the squaws and played with the babies around the great camp fires, or delightedly gazed on the dance where Manuth was the central figure and where the pipe went around the solemn circle. Sometimes her high voice rang out above those of the squaws when they were permitted to join in the general discordance, and her small figure moved among the throng at feasting time.

On the arrival of the day on which Manuth had promised that he would start back with Lozette the sunshine of the day before had disappeared, and the children at the school looked out on the darkened sky disappointedly. Toward evening a snow storm of unprecedented severity began to rage. At night a wind sprung up which before morning developed into a fearful blizzard. Many times during the day Miss Berton and her young charges gazed anxiously through the windows into the dimmed world, thinking of Lozette and hoping that something might have detained her father from setting out in the face of such a storm.

Another night and another day passed before the wind abated, leaving a white, quiet earth.

The next day the Indians began to come straggling home. The watches at the school house waited in vain. It was not until the day before Christmas eve that a strange procession was seen moving in their direction. There were four men, appearing scarcely more pinched and hungry than their poor ponies, coming so slowly that the watchers pressed their faces against the panes almost breathlessly.

They could see Manuth, so gaunt and feeble that he could scarcely remain in the saddle.

"No Lozette, Miss Berton!" exclaimed one little girl in great alarm, breaking the watchful silence.

"I think she is being carried by one of the men," answered Miss Berton, looking intently at the bundle of blankets in front of the foremost Indian.

Slowly the half-starved ponies plodded through the unbroken snow.

Miss Berton was on the steps in spite of the cold when they reached the gate. Two men assisted Manuth into the kitchen, while the third brought the bundle in his arms to Miss Berton.

Poor little senseless Lozette! Tender hands ministered to her needs, but little could be done to relieve those stiffened, frozen limbs.

For hours Manuth never spoke, but sat as one dazed, by the kitchen fire. Suddenly he seemed to remember something and asked to see Lozette.

Miss Berton led him in to the still room where the unconscious child lay. There, alone with the kind teacher, his tongue was loosed and, as if he had never been averse to speaking English, he said with great effort and trembling gestures:

"Ten days' stay. Lozette say 'Come back.' Lozette cry, say, 'Come back Christmas.'"

Manuth bent over and looked closely at his child, his tears raining down upon her face.

Miss Berton understood him. She knew that he had started home against his better judgment, but Lozette had cried to keep her promise, and he had yielded to her wishes.

"Snow come hard; no see," he resumed after a long silence.

"Me put Lozette in blanket, lay down." He made a motion showing how he had held her tight in his arms as the snow drifted over them. There was another silence longer than before and then, without raising his bowed head, in a voice shrill with anguish, he said:

"Lozette heap cry. Say 'No Christmas sing'—'No Christmas Child.'"

Miss Berton could only sob with the poor old man.

"Pretty soon no cry—no more. Me think Lozette dead," Manuth concluded his recital with a pitiful moan.

They sat all night by the child's bedside—the old father and the faithful teacher—but Manuth opened his lips no more to speak, and no one ever again heard him utter a word of English.

On the evening of the 21st, Lozette opened her eyes and a conscious light passed over her face. Miss Berton leaned over her. Her lips moved and "Christmas Child" came faintly from them.

Christmas morning the big bell sounded a different chime from its customary Christmas greeting, and the children chanted Lozette's hymn over all that was mortal of the Christmas Child.

In the Same Business. "So her husband is an editor?" "Yes. But, good land! If there's anything in the way of news she can beat him publishing it abroad."—Baltimore Sun.

Don't think that tact removes difficulties; it simply goes around them.

FUNNYGRAPHS.

Mrs. Lushforth—Isn't alcohol a good thing to clean a hat with? Mr. Lushforth—It always shrinks mine.—Indianapolis Journal.

Professional Persiflage—Doctor, is it difficult to put a person in the idiot asylum? O. no. Most patients go there under simple conditions.—Indianapolis Journal.

Mrs. Youngish—O Bob, what shall I do? Baby is crying because I won't let him pull all the fur off my new muff. Mr. Youngish—Well, that's all right. Give him the cat!—Tit-Bits.

"They say she takes a milk-bath every day," said the rural spectator. "Yes," answered the urban spectator. "With a glass one can see how the chalk has settled on her."—Indianapolis Journal.

"What will your next political move be?" inquired the energetic politician. "I don't think," said the defeated candidate for Congress, "there's going to be any. I guess I'll stay at home."—Washington Star.

"That boy is always trying to put things off until tomorrow," exclaimed the Spanish lad's mother. "He'll never get along in this country," said his father regretfully. "He ought to put 'em off till week after next."—Washington Star.

Far Worse—Sniggleton—I'm in trouble. My landlady told me I'd have to settle up or leave. Gingleton—Why, your in luck, old fellow. I'm in a worse fix than that. My landlady told me I'd have to settle up before I could leave.—Harlem Life.

"Witness," said the cross-examining lawyer, "are you willing to swear that the prisoner was smoking a pipe at the time?" "No, sir," replied the witness. "I never swear. But I am willing to bet you \$5 to a shilling that he was."—London Punch.

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The Belfast (Me.) Journal says: "During the recent heavy snowstorm a flock of sheep owned by David Young was left on the mountain. After the storm was over he went to gather in his flock, and finding one missing began a search. After five days he succeeded in finding her under five feet of snow, alive and not in bad condition. She had travelled around under the snow until there was a beaten track of several feet."

The population of the earth at the time of Emperor Augustus is estimated at 54,000,000. It is now estimated to be about 1,580,000,000.

A LIVING WITNESS.

Mrs. Hoffman Describes How She Wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for Advice, and Is Now Well.

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